

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 18, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kerber, Owens, Powell, Tello, and Turley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bowers, Emm, and Naour

STAFF PRESENT: Howe, Beavers, Dreyer, and Voss

PUBLIC PRESENT: Paul Swiech, Pantagraph; Bill Wasson, County Administration; Susan Schafer and Sondra O'Connor, McLean County Board; Karen Zangerle, PATH; and Tom Barr, Sue Pirtle, Kim Freymann, Cheryl Goldberg, Kathy Salee, CHS

CALL TO ORDER: Powell called the Board of Health meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. with no corrections to the agenda.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Howe explained the reason for the meeting tonight. At the Board Meeting on May 14, 2014, when the FY15 Mental Health Funding was approved, three programs were deferred until mid-June. Those programs deferred were CHS, Crisis Response; Chestnut Health, Crisis Stabilization; and PATH, Data Collection Grant. Howe noted that he had hoped to request approval for the FY15 Mental Health Crisis Service Funding Awards as in Attachment A in the packet. However, Howe had been in contact with the County Administrator's Office and County Board Chairman Sorensen who had requested deferring the Chestnut Health, Crisis Stabilization approval. The reason for the deferment was Chairman Sorensen is talking with state officials to determine whether any state money is available explaining that crisis residential services typically are funding by the state. Howe agreed that the Board and staff want to make sure that we're not funding something that should be funded by the state.

Tello inquired how long a response might take. Howe hopes to have a decision made in July. Howe requested approval for the CHS, Crisis Response and PATH, Data Monitoring Grant. He explained that these programs need to be funding by July 1st and Crisis Response is a critical currently funded program. The addition of PATH providing a Data Collection Grant will help look at the mental health system in McLean County and gather data on effectiveness of the program as well as public health needs. Kerber agreed that those who work in the mental health field feel the need every day. Kerber stated that it is a difficult spot. Turley noted that Chestnut doesn't currently offer a crisis stabilization program and it will be a difficult start up program. Howe explained that Chestnut does have the experience; like the program offered in Madison County and has no doubt that it will do well here.

Owens/Turley moved and seconded the approval for the FY15 Mental Health Funding for CHS, Crisis Response in the amount of \$361,916 and PATH, Data Collection Grant in the amount of \$40,000. Chestnut Stabilization was deferred until at least mid-July. Motion carried.

MENTAL HEALTH REPORT: Beavers discussed both reports contained in the packet. She appreciated the excellent opportunity to have leaders in the community come together to look at the mental health issues. She also reported that it is time to move forward with what was learned. Powell also shared that she and Cory Tello were honored to be on the committees and appreciated the fine work that was completed. Tello noted that she agreed.

ADJOURN: Owens moved and the Special Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.